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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

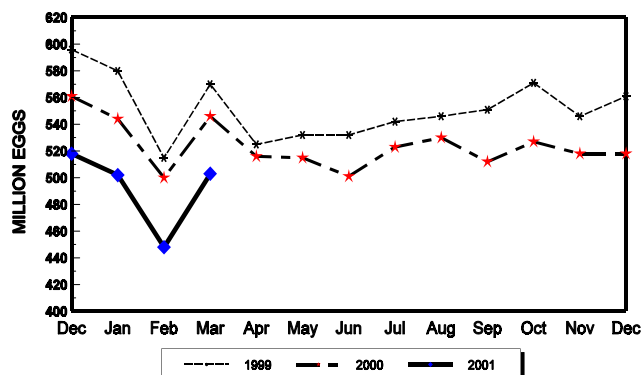
California's egg production during March totaled 503 million, 55.0 million more than last month, but 43.0 million less than last March. The average number of layers during the month totaled 23.3 million, down 2 percent from last month and down 4 percent from last year at this time. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,159 compared to 1,892 last month and 2,252 in March 2000.

U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

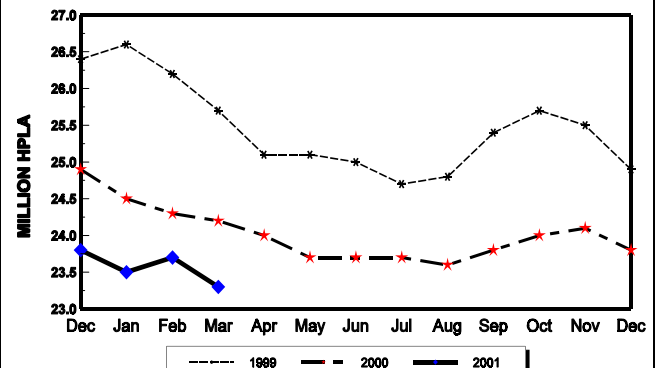
U.S. egg production totaled 7.33 billion during March 2001, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.22 billion table eggs and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2001 averaged 337 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during March 2000. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,178 eggs, down slightly from 2,186 eggs in March 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2001 totaled 337 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 337 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 56.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs and 2.80 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day on April 1, 2001 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.2 eggs a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1999-2001



AVERAGE NUMBER OF HPLA, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1999-2001



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Thousands	Thousands	Number	Number	Millions	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Alabama	10,636	10,364	1,937	1,949	206	202	1.5	0.0	11.0	11.0
Arkansas	15,684	15,163	1,957	1,985	307	301	2.5	1.0	5.0	11.5
California	24,243	23,301	2,252	2,159	546	503	3.0	3.0	40.0	33.5
Georgia	21,370	21,385	2,143	2,104	458	450	1.0	2.0	16.0	20.5
Indiana	22,901	22,999	2,279	2,252	522	518	1.5	2.0	34.0	33.0
Iowa	27,631	31,962	2,276	2,231	629	713	3.5	2.5	30.5	27.0
North Carolina	11,302	11,163	1,902	1,917	215	214	1.0	1.0	8.0	9.5
Ohio	31,503	30,251	2,162	2,245	681	679	2.0	2.0	11.5	23.0
Pennsylvania	23,530	24,623	2,303	2,376	542	585	2.5	0.0	22.0	20.5
Texas	17,278	18,969	2,153	2,156	372	409	1.0	1.0	21.5	22.5
United States	330,862	336,638	2,186	2,178	7,234	7,331	2.2	2.0	22.5	23.1

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The March 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 763 million, was up 1 percent from March of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 627 million on April 1, 2001, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2001. This was down 8 percent from March 2000.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	104,698	104,767	100
Arkansas	109,874	110,286	100
Delaware	15,797	14,237	90
Florida	9,757	9,493	97
Georgia	112,302	114,365	102
Maryland	30,759	31,928	104
Mississippi	65,358	69,069	106
North Carolina	67,302	66,150	98
Pennsylvania	12,803	13,192	103
South Carolina	17,401	17,101	98
Texas	53,449	54,397	102
Virginia	24,239	24,654	102
California, Tennessee & West Virginia	40,438	41,983	104
Other States ^{1/}	95,067	91,828	97
UNITED STATES	759,244	763,450	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 40.1 million, up 3 percent from March 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.0 million on April 1, 2001, up 9 percent from a year ago.

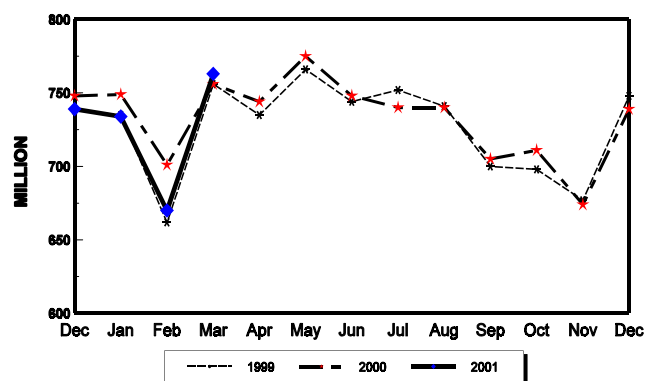
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 372 thousand during March 2001. This was up 30 percent from March 2000.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

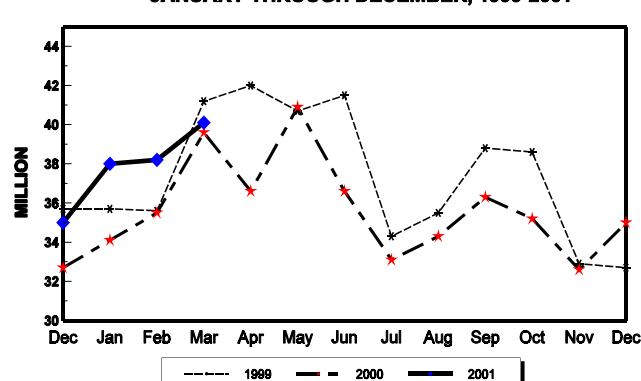
State	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	833	739	89
Florida	1,014	1,002	99
Georgia	2,079	2,208	106
Indiana	5,297	7,084	134
Iowa	6,214	5,034	81
Kansas	202	295	146
Minnesota	2,012	1,375	68
Missouri	381	381	100
Pennsylvania	6,300	5,457	87
Other States ^{1/}	14,542	16,534	114
UNITED STATES	38,874	40,109	103

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998-2000



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1999-2001



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2000	2001	2001/2000
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	11,571	12,094	105	5,957	5,605	94
East North Central	7,829	7,155	91	7,360	9,394	128
West North Central	21,033	20,415	97	7,635	6,868	90
South Atlantic	241,732	236,209	98	3,122	3,420	110
South Central	327,655	325,576	99	4,435	5,553	125
West	25,978	25,710	99	4,486	5,144	115
UNITED STATES	635,798	627,159	99	32,995	35,984	109

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March prices received by California producers, when compared to February average prices, increased one cent per pound for turkeys. Market eggs decreased three cents per dozen from last month.

Nationally, the March average prices received per pound by producers increased three cents for broilers and 0.8 of a cent for turkeys. Market eggs increased 0.9 of a cent per dozen.

POULTRY & EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 15, 2000	Feb. 15, 2001	Mar. 15, 2001
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2</u> /	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	31.8	58.0	55.0
Turkeys	Lb.	45.0	45.0	46.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	34.9	37.0	40.0
Market Eggs <u>3</u> /	Doz.	38.2	50.9	51.8
Turkeys	Lb.	38.2	36.3	37.1

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Published annually.

3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2001 in the United States totaled 32.6 million, down slightly from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the March 1 total of 31.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 3 percent; West North Central, up 12 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 4 percent; South Central, down 18 percent; and West, down 11 percent.

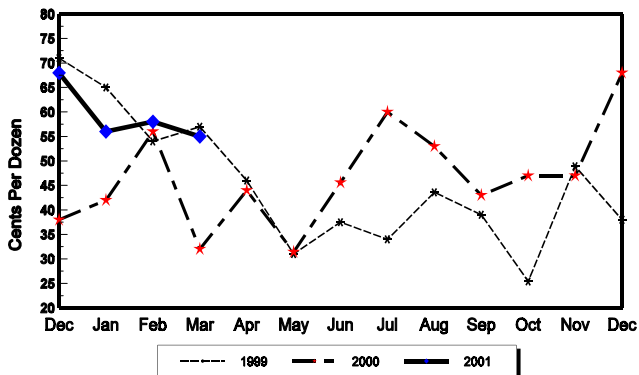
The 25.9 million poults placed during March 2001 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 10 percent from the February 2001 total of 23.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 3 percent; West North Central, up 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, unchanged; South Central, down 13 percent; and West, up 6 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

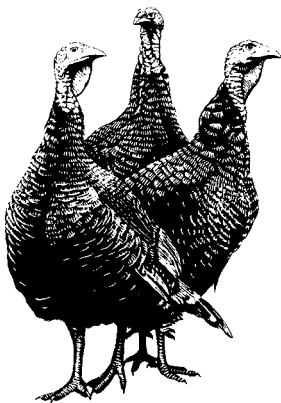
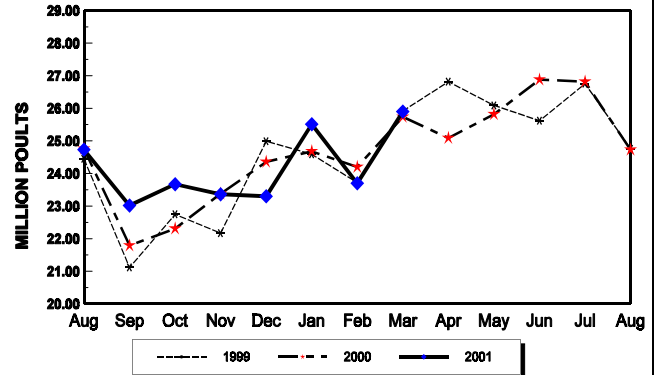
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Apr. 1		2001 2000	Poults Placed during Mar. 1/		2001 2000
	2000	2001		2000	2001	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	4,817	4,967	103	3,497	3,618	103
W N Central	10,041	11,295	112	8,718	8,981	103
N & S Atlantic	10,173	9,743	96	8,172	8,194	100
S Central	3,781	3,104	82	2,820	2,453	87
West	3,957	3,528	89	2,534	2,691	106
U.S.	32,769	32,637	100	25,741	25,937	101

1/ Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1999-2001



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES AUGUST THROUGH AUGUST, 1999-2001



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		00-01 99-00	Cumulative Total		00-01 99-00
	1999-00	2000-01		1999-00	2000-01	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	21,794	23,016	106	21,794	23,016	106
Oct.	22,313	23,672	106	44,107	46,688	106
Nov.	23,379	23,357	100	67,486	70,045	104
Dec.	24,358	23,297	96	91,844	93,342	102
Jan.	24,676	25,612	104	116,520	118,954	102
Feb.	24,197	23,686	98	140,717	142,640	101
Mar.	25,741	25,937	101	166,458	168,577	101
Apr.	25,094			191,552		
May	25,816			217,368		
June	26,880			244,248		
July	26,822			271,070		
Aug.	24,731			295,801		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 2000	February 2001 <u>a/</u>	March 2001	<u>Mar. 2001</u> Mar. 2000	<u>Mar. 2001</u> Feb. 2001
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	46,053	42,237	50,739	110	120
Chickens	Lbs.	50,722	45,967	40,806	80	89
Ducks	Lbs.	166	132	130	78	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	96,941	88,336	91,675	95	104
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	387,545	333,521	353,597	91	106
Chickens	Lbs.	810,871	683,306	644,370	79	94
Ducks	Lbs.	3,924	4,163	4,883	124	117
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,202,340	1,020,990	1,002,850	83	98
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,995	15,468	14,591	104	94

a/ Revised.